

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 3 and 13-15 stand allowed. Claims 1, 2, and 4-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1, 2, and 4-12 are cancelled by the present Amendment. Accordingly, claims 3 and 13-15 will remain pending after entry of the present Amendment.


Although not conceding that the rejections of record are proper, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, and 4-12 in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims. Applicant asserts that the cancelled claims are patentable at least for the reasons set for the in the Response dated April 3, 2006 and expressly reserves the right to resubmit the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the present Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 65744/P011C1/10313161 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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